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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1951.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1950, was estimated to be 573,671, comprising 295,102 Males and 278,569 Females.

On the 30th December, 1950, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 309,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

| | <u>April</u> | | <u>4 Months ended April</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Marriages Number | 553 | 517 | 2,046 | 1,985 |
| * Rate per 1000 of Popln. | 11.65 | 11.37 | 10.81 | 10.99 |
| Births Number | 1,233 | 984 | 4,963 | 4,507 |
| * Rate per 1000 of Popln. | 25.98 | 21.65 | 26.22 | 24.95 |
| Deaths Number | 374 | 336 | 1,561 | 1,452 |
| * Rate per 1000 of Popln. | 7.88 | 7.39 | 8.25 | 8.04 |
| Infant Number | 32 | 33 | 174 | 139 |
| Mortality/Rate per 1000 Live Births | 25.95 | 33.54 | 35.06 | 30.84 |
| <u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u> | | | | |
| Tuberculosis | 11 | 7 | 39 | 42 |
| Cancer | 54 | 53 | 212 | 217 |
| Influenza | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Diphtheria | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. | 37 | 35 | 154 | 151 |
| Arteriosclerosis | 11 | 8 | 40 | 33 |
| Diseases of the Heart | 111 | 86 | 455 | 384 |
| Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia | 10 | 14 | 52 | 45 |
| Diarrhoea and Enteritis | 9 | 3 | 35 | 20 |
| Nephritis | 10 | 6 | 29 | 21 |
| Diseases of Early Infancy | 23 | 23 | 102 | 84 |
| Senility | 3 | 3 | 9 | 18 |
| Accidents | 33 | 28 | 141 | 145 |
| All Other Causes | 60 | 68 | 289 | 287 |
| <u>Total</u> | 374 | 336 | 1,561 | 1,452 |

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May totalled 543,358 acres, an increase of 235,134 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,492,238 acres, an increase of 661,968 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

| | Month of MAY | | 11 Months ended MAY | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Revenue | 2,415,917 | 2,430,038 | 23,873,405 | 21,977,927 |
| Revenue per Head of Popln. | £4.3.6d. | £4.7.7d. | £41.19.11d. | £40.7.7d. |
| Expenditure | 2,618,213 | 2,424,196 | 25,172,567 | 22,338,605 |
| Expenditure per Head of Popln. | £4.10.6d. | £4.7.4d. | £44.5.7d. | £41.0.10d. |

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st May amounted to £43,867,708 or £75.15.4d. per head of population as against £38,723,850 or £69.13.1d. per head as at the 31st May last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 30th May 1951 amounted to £10,725,228 compared with £7,595,865 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

| Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds | | MAY | | 11 Months ended MAY | |
|---|-----|-----------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| | | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Transfers | No. | 2,435 | 2,300 | 23,275 | 19,872 |
| | £ | 3,000,506 | 2,332,014 | 27,440,899 | 17,594,507 |
| Mortgages | No. | 1,469 | 1,473 | 15,466 | 12,369 |
| | £ | 1,967,799 | 1,666,744 | 19,723,311 | 13,835,282 |
| Discharges of Mortgages | No. | 1,218 | 1,135 | 11,062 | 9,822 |

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

| Period of Receipt of Returns | Taxable Goods | | Sales of Exempt Goods | Tax Collected |
|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross) | Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross) | | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Eleven Months ended May, 1950 | 21,234,525 | 13,924,343 | 44,380,508 | 2,221,925 |
| Eleven Months ended May, 1951 | 27,209,067 | 19,871,538 | 56,443,987 | 2,797,562 |
| Month of May, 1950 | 2,291,513 | 1,492,312 | 4,993,357 | 228,319 |
| Month of May, 1951 | 3,272,107 | 2,327,770 | 7,240,214 | 302,907 |

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

107 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,569,000 and 42 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1951. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 91 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,891,000 and 62 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

| | 11 Months ended MAY | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|------|-------------|----------|
| | 1951 | | | 1950 | | |
| | No. | Liabilities | Assets | No. | Liabilities | Assets |
| Sequestration Orders | 25 | £ 76,825 | £ 37,375 | 20 | £ 31,726 | £ 46,442 |
| Deeds of Assignment (a) | 15 | 40,591 | 41,561 | 14 | 40,514 | 18,517 |
| Deeds of Arrangement | - | - | - | - | - | - |

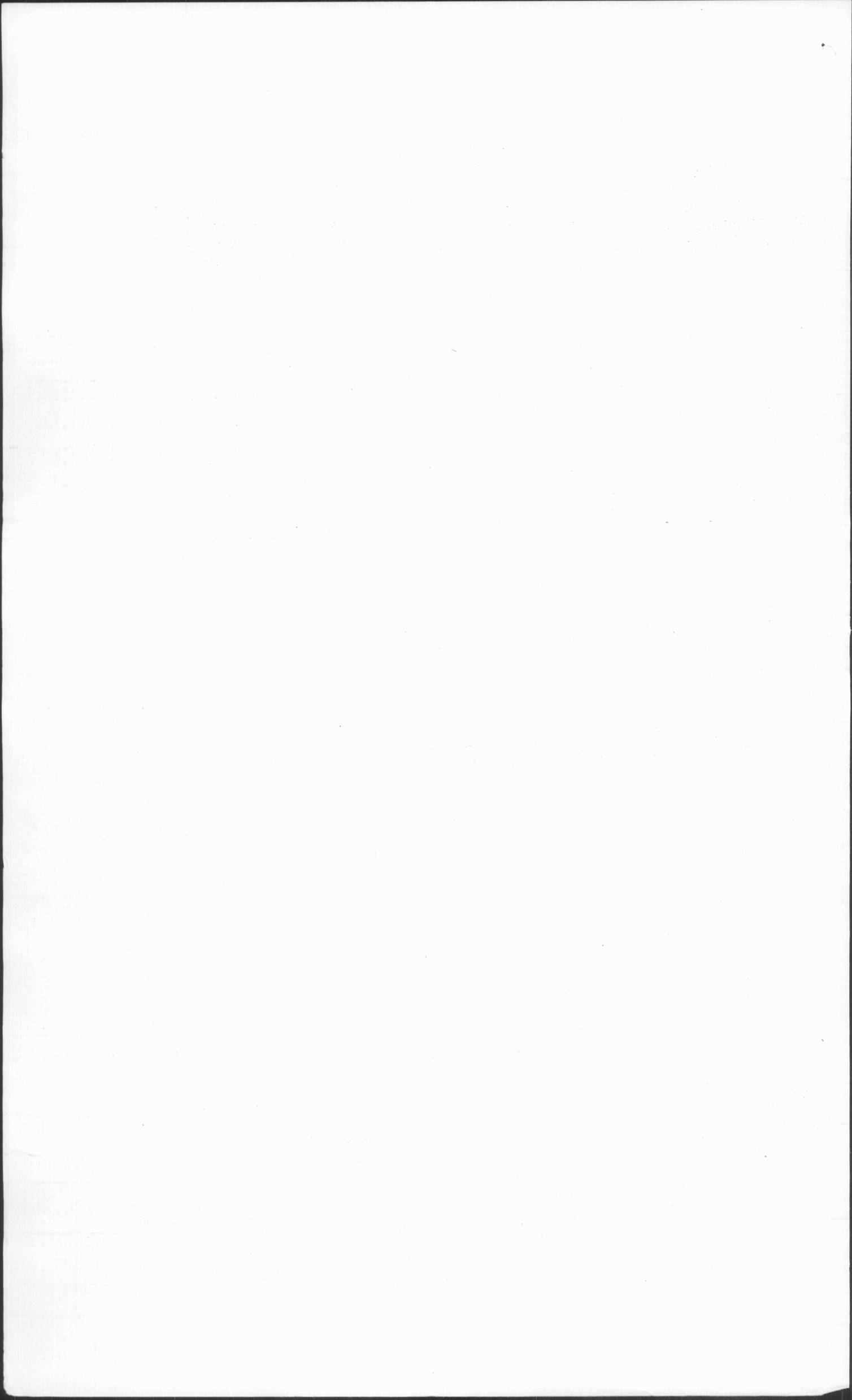
(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

| | | MARCH | | 9 Months ended MARCH | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------|------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Gross Earnings (a) | £ | 558,200 | 596,300 | 5,086,100 | 4,697,200 |
| Working Expenses (a) | £ | 785,963 | 725,423 | 6,251,982 | 5,405,411 |
| Train Miles Run | No. | 596,700 | 617,342 | 5,364,176 | 4,978,368 |
| Motor Bus Miles Run | No. | 146,227 | 107,608 | 1,230,292 | 884,698 |
| Passenger Journeys - | | | | | |
| Train | No. | 931,131 | 1,012,281 | 8,540,439 | 8,324,177 |
| Motor Bus | No. | 55,241 | 39,567 | 407,461 | 352,490 |
| Tonnage Carried - | | | | | |
| Paying Goods | | 231,662 | 259,035 | 2,127,815 | 2,010,258 |
| Livestock | | 9,364 | 11,813 | 117,563 | 121,311 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | | 67,472 | 81,564 | 657,600 | 570,124 |
| Total | | 308,498 | 352,412 | 2,902,978 | 2,701,693 |
| Net Ton Mileage of - | | | | | |
| Paying Goods | | 35,650,600 | 37,529,571 | 327,439,122 | 306,386,294 |
| Livestock | | 1,033,877 | 1,374,822 | 14,709,980 | 14,996,946 |
| Departmental (Free Freight) | | 8,242,087 | 9,292,715 | 77,799,140 | 72,351,001 |
| Total | | 44,926,564 | 48,197,108 | 419,948,242 | 393,734,241 |

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

| Period | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| Year 1947 | 1,224 | 519 | 40 | 593 | 2,066 | 1,685 | 54 | 883 |
| Year 1948 | 2,083 | 726 | 63 | 824 | 4,036 | 2,483 | 114 | 1,376 |
| Year 1949 | 3,250 | 1,141 | 79 | 1,160 | 6,592 | 3,722 | 156 | 2,120 |
| Year 1950 | 4,664 | 1,901 | 86 | 1,214 | 9,325 | 5,660 | 150 | 2,390 |
| 1951 - | | | | | | | | |
| January | 264 | 137 | 3 | 123 | 507 | 458 | 5 | 208 |
| February | 348 | 177 | 2 | 137 | 654 | 526 | 5 | 224 |
| March | 354 | 199 | 2 | 208 | 666 | 604 | 4 | 338 |
| April | 359 | 153 | 1 | 193 | 652 | 449 | 7 | 308 |

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).*

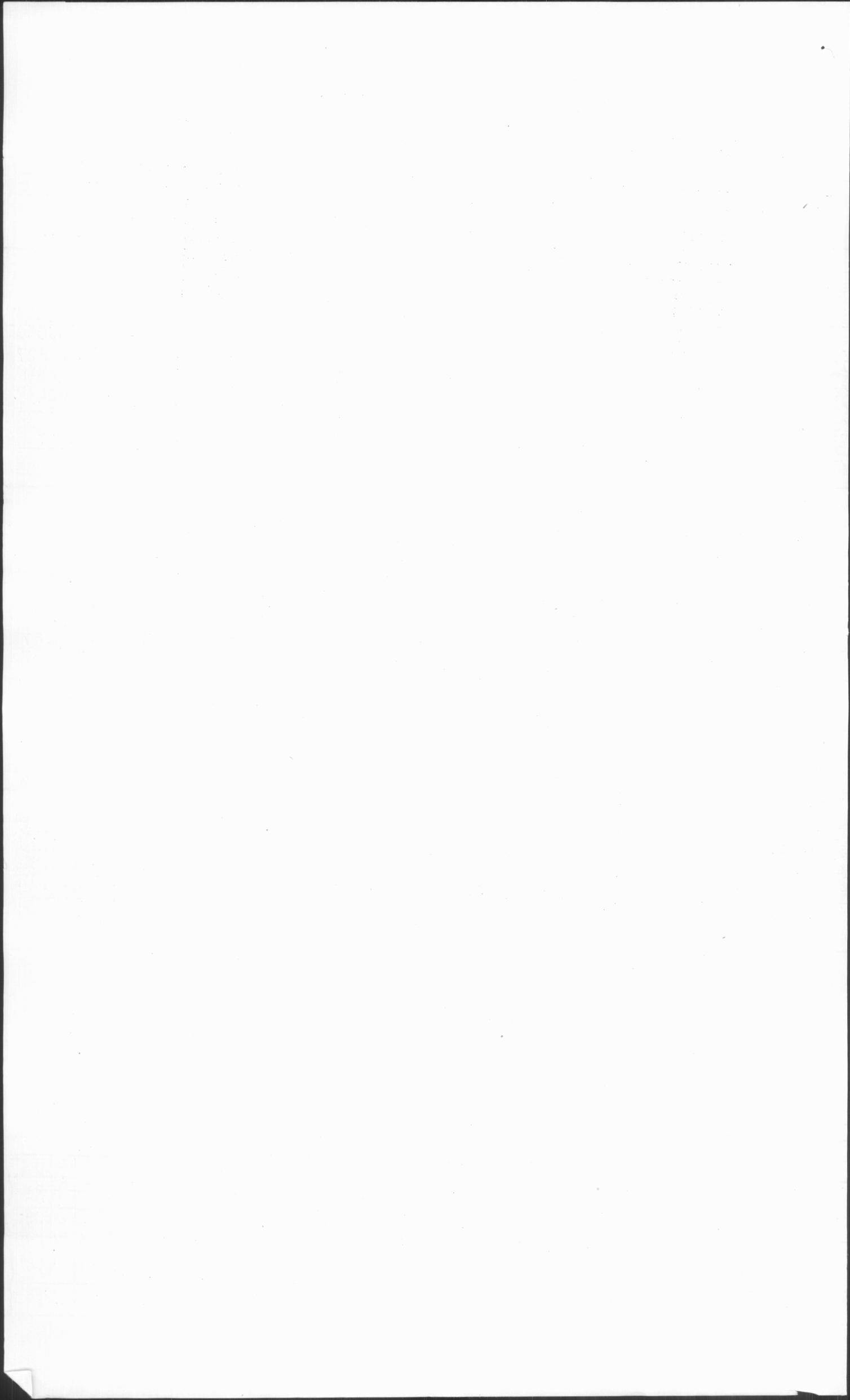
| Date (As at end of Month) | METROPOLITAN AREA | | | | ENTIRE STATE | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles | Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars) | Wagons, Vans, Utilities | Buses | Motor Cycles |
| | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. | No. |
| 1948 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 21,968 | 10,132 | 275 | 5,445 | 35,485 | 34,362 | 457 | 8,874 |
| December | 23,389 | 11,081 | 335 | 6,063 | 37,820 | 36,453 | 572 | 9,622 |
| 1949 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 24,259 | 11,330 | 364 | 6,729 | 39,989 | 37,680 | 648 | 10,972 |
| December | 26,245 | 11,989 | 402 | 7,286 | 43,981 | 40,412 | 781 | 11,740 |
| 1950 - | | | | | | | | |
| June | 28,529 | 12,530 | 443 | 7,707 | 48,485 | 41,688 | 826 | 12,890 |
| December | 31,223 | 13,490 | 494 | 8,230 | 52,185 | 42,792 | 903 | 13,030 |
| 1951 - | | | | | | | | |
| January | 31,463 | 13,645 | 497 | 8,341 | 51,830 | 41,257 | 898 | 12,853 |
| February | 31,656 | 13,783 | 498 | 8,437 | 52,904 | 42,942 | 917 | 13,256 |
| March | 31,900 | 13,932 | 496 | 8,550 | 53,460 | 43,496 | 917 | 13,500 |
| April | 32,113 | 14,041 | 498 | 8,670 | 54,422 | 44,571 | 934 | 13,970 |

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for April, 1951, 125 Cars; 806 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 8 Buses and 14 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, April, 1951 and 1950 and 10 months ended April, 1951 and 1950, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

| | IMPORTS | | | | EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores) | | | |
|--------------|---------|--------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| | APRIL | | 10 Months ended APRIL | | APRIL | | 10 Months ended APRIL | |
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Overseas | £A,000 | £A,000 | £A,000 | £A,000 | £A,000 | £A,000 | £A,000 | £A,000 |
| | 3,866 | 2,944 | 33,429 | 27,416 | 14,271 | 4,497 | 87,933 | 46,995 |
| Interstate | 4,215 | 2,584 | 37,803 | 26,989 | 884 | 645 | 7,334 | 4,844 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 8,081 | 5,528 | 71,232 | 54,405 | 15,155 | 5,142 | 95,267 | 51,839 |



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

| Period | Dwellings | | | | Factories | | Other | | Total | |
|-----------------|-------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Owner-Built | | By Contractors etc. (a) | | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value |
| | No. | Value | No. | Value | | | | | | |
| | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 |
| Year 1946 | 55 | 32 | 1,316 | 1,221 | 52 | 82 | 145 | 192 | 1,568 | 1,527 |
| Year 1947 | 165 | 109 | 2,245 | 2,380 | 37 | 64 | 164 | 327 | 2,611 | 2,880 |
| Year 1948 | 514 | 346 | 2,544 | 3,041 | 49 | 160 | 268 | 431 | 3,375 | 3,978 |
| Year 1949 | 825 | 693 | 2,485 | 3,476 | 57 | 215 | 317 | 657 | 3,684 | 5,041 |
| Year 1950 | 1,313 | 1,365 | 3,331 | 4,727 | 41 | 263 | 428 | 651 | 5,113 | 7,006 |
| 1951 - Mar. Qr. | 442 | 583 | 780 | 1,255 | 8 | 26 | 82 | 189 | 1,312 | 2,053 |

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

✓ Includes 280 individual Flat units, and 1 Shop and Dwelling combined for a total value of £279,000.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

| Period | Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-------|---------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc. | | Wood or Mainly Wood | | Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement | | Other Material | | Total | |
| | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value | No. | Value |
| | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 | | £,000 |
| Year 1946 | 578 | 640 | 186 | 140 | 373 | 296 | 227 | 172 | 1,364 | 1,248 |
| Year 1947 | 1,114 | 1,365 | 257 | 196 | 966 | 862 | 62 | 47 | 2,399 | 2,470 |
| Year 1948 | 1,252 | 1,715 | 326 | 249 | 1,436 | 1,348 | 29 | 22 | 3,043 | 3,334 |
| Year 1949 | 1,449 | 2,235 | 228 | 191 | 1,571 | 1,649 | 42 | 43 | 3,290 | 4,118 |
| Year 1950 | 1,709 | 2,882 | 337 | 311 | 2,262 | 2,572 | 55 | 48 | 4,363 | 5,813 |
| 1951 - Mar. Qr. | 447 | 877 | 93 | 88 | 613 | 803 | 21 | 22 | 1,174 | 1,790 |

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

260,609 lbs. were produced during April, 1951 and 13,616,609 lbs. for the ten months ended April, 1951, as against 187,764 and 13,590,018 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1950.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

| | MAY | | 5 Months ended MAY | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Quantity ... Fine Ozs. | 78,613 | 42,334 | 276,276 | 225,093 |
| Value (Aust. Currency) £ | 1,217,842 | 666,539 | 4,279,985 | 3,499,306 |

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the five months ended May, 1951, amounted to £277,814. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1950 amounted to £394,531.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

| Town | Food and Groceries | | | | All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series). | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|-----------------------|------|--|------|-----------------------|------|
| | MARCH | | 12 Months ended MARCH | | MARCH QUARTER | | 12 Months ended MARCH | |
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Metropolitan Area | 1847 | 1527 | 1667 | 1475 | 1712 | 1479 | 1596 | 1445 |
| Algoorlie- | | | | | | | | |
| Boulder | 1961 | 1657 | 1796 | 1609 | 1782 | 1571 | 1689 | 1535 |
| Northam | 1846 | 1554 | 1682 | 1494 | 1732 | 1494 | 1610 | 1457 |
| Perth | 1837 | 1524 | 1682 | 1480 | 1719 | 1499 | 1614 | 1460 |
| Woolston | 1895 | 1565 | 1710 | 1511 | 1809 | 1546 | 1677 | 1508 |
| Woollee | 1846 | 1539 | 1680 | 1493 | 1643 | 1419 | 1533 | 1386 |

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

| Month | 1950 | | | 1951 | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| January | 117,756 | 38,819 | 156,575 | 123,741 | 40,324 | 164,065 |
| February | 118,064 | 39,050 | 157,114 | 124,946 | 41,182 | 166,128 |
| March | 119,009 | 39,708 | 158,717 | 125,192 | 41,507 | 166,699 |
| April | 119,440 | 39,726 | 159,166 | | | |
| May | 120,616 | 39,755 | 160,371 | | | |
| June | 120,479 | 39,952 | 160,431 | | | |
| July | 120,412 | 39,753 | 160,165 | | | |
| August | 121,263 | 40,015 | 161,278 | | | |
| September | 121,691 | 40,367 | 162,058 | | | |
| October | 121,871 | 40,343 | 162,214 | | | |
| November | 122,889 | 40,583 | 163,472 | | | |
| December | 123,146 | 41,199 | 164,345 | | | |

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

| Month | FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)) | | | | | RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)) | | | | |
|-----------|---|------|------|---------|---------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950(a) | 1951(a) | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 |
| January | 162 | 171 | 179 | 194 | 206 | 1134 | 1233 | 1354 | 1410 | 1490 |
| February | 164 | 172 | 182 | 197 | 209 | 1138 | 1249 | 1358 | 1387 | 1495 |
| March | 166 | 176 | 186 | 200 | 209 | 1145 | 1264 | 1371 | 1415 | 1513 |
| April | 167 | 176 | 187 | 200 | | 1144 | 1264 | 1377 | 1415 | |
| May | 168 | 177 | 187 | 203 | | 1151 | 1277 | 1354 | 1418 | |
| June | 167 | 177 | 187 | 202 | | 1153 | 1277 | 1362 | 1429 | |
| July | 167 | 177 | 182 | 202 | | 1168 | 1301 | 1381 | 1423 | |
| August | 167 | 179 | 189 | 202 | | 1181 | 1294 | 1377 | 1419 | |
| September | 168 | 180 | 190 | 203 | | 1172 | 1302 | 1365 | 1428 | |
| October | 168 | 180 | 191 | 204 | | 1184 | 1318 | 1375 | 1431 | |
| November | 169 | 182 | 192 | 205 | | 1215 | 1349 | 1402 | 1450 | |
| December | 170 | 182 | 194 | 204 | | 1267 | 1385 | 1470 | 1531 | |

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1950, are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

| Town | Food and Groceries | | | | All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series). | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|-----------------------|------|--|------|-----------------------|------|
| | MARCH | | 12 Months ended MARCH | | MARCH QUARTER | | 12 Months ended MARCH | |
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Metropolitan Area | 1847 | 1527 | 1667 | 1475 | 1712 | 1479 | 1596 | 1445 |
| Algoorlie- | | | | | | | | |
| Boulder | 1961 | 1657 | 1796 | 1609 | 1782 | 1571 | 1689 | 1535 |
| Northam | 1846 | 1554 | 1682 | 1494 | 1732 | 1494 | 1610 | 1457 |
| Unbury | 1837 | 1524 | 1682 | 1480 | 1719 | 1499 | 1614 | 1460 |
| Eraldton | 1895 | 1565 | 1710 | 1511 | 1809 | 1546 | 1677 | 1508 |
| ollie | 1846 | 1539 | 1680 | 1493 | 1643 | 1419 | 1533 | 1386 |

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

| Month | 1950 | | | 1951 | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons | Males | Females | Persons |
| January | 117,756 | 38,819 | 156,575 | 123,741 | 40,324 | 164,065 |
| February | 118,064 | 39,050 | 157,114 | 124,946 | 41,182 | 166,128 |
| March | 119,009 | 39,708 | 158,717 | 125,192 | 41,507 | 166,699 |
| April | 119,440 | 39,726 | 159,166 | | | |
| May | 120,616 | 39,755 | 160,371 | | | |
| June | 120,479 | 39,952 | 160,431 | | | |
| July | 120,412 | 39,753 | 160,165 | | | |
| August | 121,263 | 40,015 | 161,278 | | | |
| September | 121,691 | 40,367 | 162,058 | | | |
| October | 121,871 | 40,343 | 162,214 | | | |
| November | 122,889 | 40,583 | 163,472 | | | |
| December | 123,146 | 41,199 | 164,345 | | | |

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

| Month | FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100)) | | | | | RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)) | | | | |
|-----------|---|------|------|---------|---------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950(a) | 1951(a) | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 |
| January | 162 | 171 | 179 | 194 | 206 | 1134 | 1233 | 1354 | 1410 | 1490 |
| February | 164 | 172 | 182 | 197 | 209 | 1138 | 1249 | 1358 | 1387 | 1495 |
| March | 166 | 176 | 186 | 200 | 209 | 1145 | 1264 | 1371 | 1415 | 1513 |
| April | 167 | 176 | 187 | 200 | | 1144 | 1264 | 1377 | 1415 | |
| May | 168 | 177 | 187 | 203 | | 1151 | 1277 | 1354 | 1418 | |
| June | 167 | 177 | 187 | 202 | | 1153 | 1277 | 1362 | 1429 | |
| July | 167 | 177 | 182 | 202 | | 1168 | 1301 | 1381 | 1423 | |
| August | 167 | 179 | 189 | 202 | | 1181 | 1294 | 1377 | 1419 | |
| September | 168 | 180 | 190 | 203 | | 1172 | 1302 | 1365 | 1428 | |
| October | 168 | 180 | 191 | 204 | | 1184 | 1318 | 1375 | 1431 | |
| November | 169 | 182 | 192 | 205 | | 1215 | 1349 | 1402 | 1450 | |
| December | 170 | 182 | 194 | 204 | | 1267 | 1385 | 1470 | 1531 | |

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(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

| Date of operation | Metropolitan Area | | South-West Land Division | | Goldfields and rest of State | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1st April 1951 | 9. 4. 3. | 5. 4. 1. | 9. 4. 1. | 5. 4. 1. | 9. 8. 5. | 5. 6. 3. |

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

| Particulars | MAY | | 11 Months ended MAY | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|------------------------|---------|
| | 1951 | 1950 | 1951 | 1950 |
| Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) | 25,819 | 22,156 | 251,604 | 213,681 |
| Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.) | 23,014 | 20,287 | 229,818 | 195,319 |

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

| Period | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| May, 1951 | 13,264 | 264 | 21,628 | 7,849 |
| May, 1950 | 14,964 | 411 | 45,288 | 7,714 |
| 5 Months ended May, 1951 | 37,357 | 1,580 | 250,703 | 43,025 |
| 5 Months ended May, 1950 | 38,888 | 1,735 | 287,841 | 40,698 |

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